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PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of oilseeds including sunflower, sesame, castor and linseed has been increasing/decreasing over the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, oilseeds-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take steps to boost the production of these oilseeds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Table below gives the production of oilseeds including sunflower, sesame (sesamum), castorseed and linseed from 2003-04 to 2005-06:

Crop	Production (`000 Tonnes)		
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Sunflower	930.4	1186.7	1439.0
Sesamum	782.1	674.1	641.1
Castorseed	796.7	793.4	990.7
Linseed	196.5	169.7	172.5
Total Oilseeds	25186.3	24353.5	27977.9

Overall oilseeds production has increased alongwith that of sunflower and castorseed. However, production of sesamum and linseed has decreased during 2003-04 to 2005-06.

(c)&(d): To increase the production of oilseeds, including the above mentioned oilseeds, a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize` (ISOPOM) is in place from 01.04.2004. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seeds, production of foundation seeds, distribution of seed minikits, infrastructure development, block demonstrations on improved technology, integrated pest management, weedicides, distribution of sprinkler sets and farmers training. The Budget 2007-08 announced proposals to expand the ISOPOM.